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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1095, L.D. 1553, Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Establishment of Watershed Districts"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, under the authority of the federal Clean Water Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has required permits for storm water discharges in the Long Creek watershed; and

Whereas, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has delegated the administration of the permit program to the Department of Environmental Protection; and

Whereas, the Department of Environmental Protection has issued a general permit that will provide affected property owners or operators with permit coverage if they are participating in implementation of the Long Creek Watershed Management Plan; and

Whereas, affected property owners or operators will be required to have permit coverage by July 2010; and

Whereas, an entity to administer the implementation of the Long Creek Watershed Management Plan must be formed and this Act facilitates the formation of such an entity; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

11/15/12

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1553

LR 2112(02)

An Act To Facilitate Establishment of Watershed Districts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill facilitates establishment of watershed districts, authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to make certain findings in relation thereto and clarifies that municipalities may create watershed districts by home rule or interlocal agreements. It also retroactively validates these agreements. Any additional costs can be absorbed by DEP within existing budgeted resources.